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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: **John F. Thompson**

APPLICATION NO.: **09/967,107**

Examiner: **Not Yet Assigned**

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Group Art Unit: **1614**

TITLE: **Assay for the Determination of Functional**

Binding of Compounds to Receptors

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the term for response to the Examiner's Action in this application, mailed on November 21, 2001, and having an original period for response of 2 months, which expired on January 21, 2002, be extended by 4 month(s), such that it includes and expires on May 21, 2002.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge the amount of \$1,440.00 as stated under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, as well as any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1445. Two copies of this paper are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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